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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on March 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 156, 2/23/2011; HB 330, 2/23/2011; SB 338, 2/23/2011

Executive Action: HB 156, Be Concurred In; HB 330, Be Tabled

HEARING ON HB 156

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:32 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 156, Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:01:51 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties, MACo

00:03:11 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:15 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:06 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 330, Require voter registration forms provide option for subsequent absentee ballots.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:47 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sts47a02)

[**EXHIBIT**](#)(sts47a03)

00:10:47 Ross Prosperi, Montana Conservation Voters

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:27 Sen. Balyeat

00:11:50 Rep. Bennett

00:12:30 Sen. Balyeat

00:15:04 Linda McCulloch

00:15:56 Sen. Mowbray

00:17:35 Rep. Bennett

00:18:19 Chairman Shockley
00:25:18 Linda McCulloch
00:27:36 Chairman Shockley
00:27:46 Sen. Balyeat
00:31:08 Linda McCulloch
00:31:53 Sen. Mowbray
00:32:09 Linda McCulloch

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:59 Rep. Bennett

00:35:57 Chairman Shockley left the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:36:10 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 338, Revise laws regarding certain officials and public service announcements.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:37:48 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

Informational Testimony:

00:41:12 Mary Baker, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:44 Sen. Blewett
00:42:20 Chairman Shockley entered the hearing.
00:44:47 Sen. Arthun
00:44:56 Sen. Balyeat
00:45:26 Rachel Weiss, LSD
00:45:58 Sen. Mowbray
00:46:08 Sen. Arthun
00:46:17 Sen. Blewett
00:47:32 Sen. Arthun
00:47:46 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:11 Sen. Arthun

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156

00:49:35 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Mowbray moved that **HB 156 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy. Sen. Shockley will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 330

00:50:59 **Motion:** Sen. Mowbray moved that **HB 330 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:51:08 Sen. Blewett
00:51:57 Chairman Shockley
00:53:02 Sen. Mowbray
00:54:05 Sen. Balyeat
00:56:13 Sen. Blewett
00:57:55 Chairman Shockley

00:59:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Balyeat, Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Windy Boy voting aye. Sen. Jones and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:00:08 Chairman Shockley
01:00:21 Sen. Balyeat
01:00:33 Chairman Shockley

01:00:44 **Motion:** Sen. Arthun moved that **HB 330 BE TABLED**.

Discussion:

01:01:01 Sen. Balyeat

01:01:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Windy Boy voting no. Sen. Jones and Sen. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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